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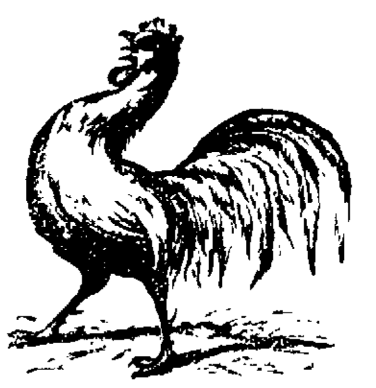

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STRAYED—From our barn, on Sunday night, Jan. 30, one (1) brown horse, 16 hands high, large frame and rangy. A liberal reward will be paid for the return, or any information that will lead to the recovery of this horse.
G. W. CROUCH & SON,
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jan31-d6

LOST—On Saturday, Jan 29th, in Decatur, a Knight Templar charm, bearing name of "J. A. Bone" engraved thereon. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at this office
jan31-d6

FARM FOR SALE—Four miles southwest of Decatur—34 acres in good cultivation House of four rooms, well, stable and granary, orchard in bearing, and plenty of small fruit Price $650. Apply on premises or to the undersigned by mail J. GUCKER, Decatur Ill
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are quickly relieved by this magical remedy. Try it once and you will never be without it. For sale by druggists. Price, 50c. Our SONG BOOK free to all. Address WIZARD OIL COMPANY, CHICAGO.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

—For greasing the griddle, cut a white turnip in halves and rub the griddle with it. It causes no smoke, taste, smell, or adhesion and is better than butter or grease.—*Exchange.*

—To boil beans: Put them over the fire at nine o'clock; cover them with water; add four or five slices of pork to each pint of beans (the pork should be dry salt side), a very little pepper and boil until noon.—*Toledo Blade.*

—A saucer of charcoal kept in the meat safe, pantry or refrigerator will keep every thing sweet. It is an excellent disinfectant for teeth; a little lump pressed into a cavity will sweeten the breath. It is also an excellent dentrifice, and in small doses good for an acid stomach.

—Roll all fields in the spring. On meadows it puts the stone out of the way; on grain it makes the surface smooth for the reaper and the rake. Besides, a compacted surface holds the heat and moisture. Sow none but perfect seed, none that has been broken, and no trash.—*Rural New Yorker.*

—Take a common pail and cut holes down the side from the top to the first hoop, then make a board cover for the top, and fill the pail with water. This, the *Rural New Yorker* says, keeps the water free from sun and dirt, and the poultry can easily put their heads in and drink whenever they desire.

—Sweet curry: Cut into small squares the meat and two onions, with a dessert-spoonful of sugar; put these into a stewpan with two ounces of butter to take good color. Then add a teacupful of good stock, some raisins (say twelve) cut small, curry powder to taste, pepper and salt and a few slices of apple. When these are all mixed together, gently cook for three or four hours.—*Good Housekeeping.*

—Hominy fritters help make a variety for the breakfast table. Boil the hominy the day before, take two teacupfuls of it and stir with it a small cupful of sweet milk and a little salt with it; add one egg, four teaspoonfuls of flour and half a tablespoonful of baking powder. Have your fryingpan ready with hot lard in it, drop this batter in it by spoonfuls and fry a delicate brown: Many prefer half butter to all lard.—*The Caterer.*

—It may not be generally known that cold food is more easily kept on a sensitive stomach than hot; so in cases where it is rejected in the ordinary warm or hot form, it had better be tried as nearly frozen as can be taken. In many fevers this would be a decided advantage. The prejudice against cold food is, perhaps, natural, but we carry it too far. Milk may be administered in a frozen state, often with a positive advantage.—*Chicago Journal.*

FOR TEA-TOPERS.

A Physician's Opinion Regarding the Fashionable Use of the Mild Cup.

"The afternoon tea-drinking, after the English fashion, which has been introduced in this country, will very likely lead to an excessive use of that cheering beverage among our women," remarked a South Side physician.

"With the exception of the overworked wives of Northern farmers who are prone to resort to tea as a stimulent for their exhausted nervous systems, hurried factory operatives and seamstresses who do their sewing at home, American women have not until lately been addicted to tea-drinking. Coffee is the national drink. It has been shown that a greater quantity of coffee is consumed annually in the United States than of any other beverage. True, the use of beer is increasing, many persons thinking it preferable because of its sedative and nourishing qualities. There are good authorities who object to the use of coffee in such a climate as ours.

"In my opinion coffee is a more desirable fluid, as a constant drink in this climate than tea. That is, I believe the use of sea three times a day at meals will have a worse effect than an equal quantity of coffee.

"In England the evil effects of constant beer-drinking at meals have become so evident that a revolt has been organized against it. The English people are now drinking about $5,000,000 worth of beer less per annum than their former average.

"I foresee from tea-drinking a harvest for physicians. the ladies will acquire a taste for it from the adoption of a silly fashion which is the outgrowth of this absurd aping of English manners. They will eventually use it extensively at all hours of the day. It is a stimulating decoction, and when the system becomes partially habituated to its use it not only creates a craving for it, but requires that the quantity be increased.

"I've seen a few tea-topers who always kept a pot of tea brewing, so necessary had it become to their existence. Without exception they were invalids and afflicted with nervous ailments.

"The habitual tea-drinker, too, eats but little nourishing food, but depends for sustenance on the stimulant.

"The injurious effects of an excessive use of tea are far beyond what is generally supposed. Tea contains two powerful substances—tannic acid and theine. The first is the astringent known as tannin. It is this property, obtained from bark, that converts skin into leather. Theine is a violent poison. They act on the nervous and digestive systems, causing atonic dyspepsia, palpitation of the heart, insomnia, irritability.

"I recommend a judicious use of tea at a portion of the meals. It should be taken with judgment, like all other drugs of a stimulating or tranquilizing nature which may be beneficial in small doses, but are harmful, if not dangerous, in large quantities.—*Chicago News.*

Wonderful Cures.

W. D. Hoyt & Co., Wholesale and Retail Druggists of Rome, Ga., say: "We have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters and Arnica Salve for two years. Have never handled remedies that sell so well, or give such universal satisfaction. There have been some wonderful cures effected by these medicines in this city. Several cases of pronounced Consumption have been entirely cured by the use of a few bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery, taken in connection with Electric Bitters. We guarantee them always. Sold by John A. Swearingen. al

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Most men, we trust, rise to the higher plane of neatness and good taste. A well-bred man pleases himself and enjoys a satisfaction in knowing he attracts no attention by too little dress or too much. In our very full supply of

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South Side of Old Square, Decatur, Ill.

Excursion to Jackson and New Orleans.

The great Inter-State Dairymen and Fruit Growers' Convention will be held at Jackson, Miss., Feb. 16th, 17th and 18th The March Gras Festival at New Orleans, will come off Feb. 22d, and the Inter-State Agricultural Convention, at St Charles, La., Feb. 22d, 23d and 25th. To accommodate all who desire to attend one or all of the above gatherings, the Illinois Central Railroad will run a Special Excursion, leaving Decatur at 5:02 p. m., Feb. 15, 1887. Fare to New Orleans and return, only $20.50. Tickets limited to 30 days, and good for stop-over privileges at Jackson, Miss., and Hammond, La., (where so many Northern people are settling.) Parties going to Jennings and Lake Charles will get low rates from New Orleans One hundred and thirty dollars in premiums are offered for best exhibits of butter at the Jackson convention, and the Illinois Central Railroad will transport free, all butter packages for exhibition, from points on this line. Butter manufacturers should write the undersigned for Program and Circulars concerning the Jackson convention. Sleeping Cars and Coaches will run through to Jackson without change. Applications for Sleeping Car Berths should be made to the undersigned at Manchester, Iowa, on or before Feb. 10th.

J. F. MERRY,
17-dt Gen. West. Pass. Agt.

Grand Excursion to California.

The Illinois Central Railroad will run another excursion to Los Angeles and San Francisco, via New Orleans and the Southern Pacific Railway, leaving Decatur at 5:00 p. m. Monday, Jan. 31, 1887. Fare for the round trip, same as last excursion. Applications for Sleeping Car Berths to New Orleans, also from New Orleans to Los Angeles, should be made to the undersigned at Manchester, Iowa, on or before January 24th. Remember, no route to California, during the winter months, compares with the Southern route.

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jan10-dtd Gen. West. Pass Agt.

GREAT bargains in Ladies' Muslin Underwear, at Linn & Scruggs. d&w

75c Kid Gloves at 25c

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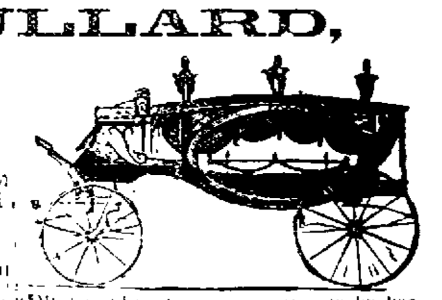

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Redemption Notice.

To H. J. Eyman and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described

You are hereby notified that at a sale of land and town lots for state, county and school taxes made in pursuance law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 20th day of June, A. D 1885, for the taxes for the year 1884, I purchased the following tract of land, to wit: [illegible] of east half of northwest quarter of section 26, township 16, north range 1 east of the 3d P. M., taxed in the name of H. J. Eyman, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 20th day of June, A. D. 1887.
jan31d3w JOHN S. BILLS

MONEY to be made. Cut this out and return to us, and we will send you free, something of great value and importance to you, that will start you in business which will bring you in more money right away than anything else in this world. Any one can do the work and live at home Either sex, all ages. Something new, that just coins money for all workers. We will start you, capital not needed. This is one of the genuine, important chances of a lifetime. Those who are ambitious and enterprising will not delay. Grand outfit free. Address TRUE & Co., Augusta, Maine. feb1-d4mos-wly

Farm Lands for Sale!

I offer at private sale the following lands, viz: The north half of section twenty-one, and the east half of the southeast quarter and the south east quarter of the northeast quarter of section sixteen, all in the town of Todd's Point, Shelby county, Illinois.

Eighty acres of the above is good timber land and the balance good farming land, about 150 acres in cultivation, and 210 acres in meadow and pasture

The land is well watered and can be easily drained by tiling. It is fine rolling prairie, all under fair fence with cross fences, and has a comfortable farm house and buildings and a good orchard on the premises

This land can be divided into three good farms and if desired will be so divided.

TERMS OF SALE.— One-third of the purchase money in cash, and the remainder in payments to suit purchaser.

Communications can be addressed to Thomas Fleming, Todd's Point, Shelby county, Illinois or I can be found at that place by parties desiring to examine the land
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Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Charles T. Condell, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the estate of Charles T. Condell, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur at the March term, on the third Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this [illegible] day of January, 1887.
MILTON JOHNSON,
jan[illegible] Administrator

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DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

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WEDNESDAY EVE., FEB. 2, 1887.

At St. Paul yesterday morning the mercury marked 30 degrees below zero. In Dakota a fearful storm was raging, with the wind blowing at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour. Railroad travel was completely blocked.

St Paul *Pioneer-Press*: A Kentuckian recently remarked of President Cleveland that "of all the arid natures I ever encountered his is the most arid." You see what surprised the Kentuckian was that, dry as the President is, he wouldn't drink with him.

In Texas the Senatorial deadlock was broken yesterday, John H. Reagan being elected on the thirty-first ballot. Mr Reagan has long been a member of the lower house, and was the Postmaster General in the cabinet of that eminent Democrat, Jefferson Davis. His party record is therefore unassailable.

There is a deep undercurrent of interest in St. Louis over the outcome of the relation between Fotheringham, the St Louis express agent accused of the recent express robbery in that city, and the company. The point the company must make is that Fotheringham was necessary after the fact because he apparently agreed to the proposition of the robber who overpowered him to give a false description. It appears, though, that Fotheringham revealed the circumstance when giving his account of the robbery. The case has excited great feeling, and a bill is to be introduced in the Missouri legislature prohibiting the work of private detectives [illegible] being held that these [illegible] their desire to [illegible] frequently oppressive.

The movement in favor of the abolition of the grand jury system in this state [illegible] much greater [illegible] than that of [illegible] A good many people are of the opinion [illegible] country has outgrown [illegible] a man's longest [illegible] without [illegible] opportunity to [illegible] against [illegible] their neighbors in the dark [illegible] argument in favor of [illegible]

Grain In Store in Chicago.

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Invitations [illegible] in Decatur to [illegible] to Miss Lottie [illegible] capital, [illegible] water [illegible]

Chris and Lena.

To-night Pete Baker will appear at the opera house in his well known comedy, "Chris and Lena." [illegible] the Buffalo [illegible] "Pete" Baker was welcomed [illegible] Academy of Music last evening by a [illegible] house. He appeared in his well known comedy, Chris and Lena, in which he [illegible] around the world. [illegible] in his style and in his specialty [illegible] which [illegible] prolific. [illegible] of Mr. Baker was exceedingly happy [illegible] showing the [illegible] comedian for the place he [illegible] of late years taken on the legitimate [illegible] Prices 25, 50 and 75 cents.

Arnold Again.

Some time ago the *News* published an account of a wonderful wedding at Niantic, in which Arnold, an inebriate jeweler of Illiopolis, and the 16-year-old girl, who made herself quite a reputation by trying to elope with an old man, were the contracting parties. Today Arnold came to the city, filled up on forty-rod whisky, and came up to the *News* office, bent on learning the name of the correspondent who "wrote up" his wedding, and averring that he was going back to Niantic and kill him. The *News* man led the poor fellow to the door and admonished him to keep out of sight and sober up, or the police would put him in the worst calaboose in the state. As he left the door he said "I know my man; Masters is the man, I am going to kill Masters; Masters is a scoundrel. I'll have his blood," and thus muttering he descended the stairs, at the risk of breaking his neck, and staggered away. Poor fellow, he looked more like he would suck an egg than like a man that would kill any one. —*Springfield News, Jan. 31.*

Genuine Sugar Loaf Lehigh Hard Coal, the best in the market. CALDWELL, 25-dtf the live Coal and Wood dealer.

Announcement.

By request the artists of the Home Minstrel troupe, embracing 28 members, including home orchestra, will repeat their original entertainment at the opera house on the evening of February 8. The cream of the former entertainment and many new features will make up the two hours and thirty minutes of fine music and [illegible] Prices 15, 25 and 35 cents. 24-dtd

A few elegant Short Wraps, suitable for young ladies, that we will sell very cheap. LINN & SCRUGGS. d&wtf

New Carpets.

New Carpets of the very latest productions in Brussels, Velvets and Ingrains, just received at LINN & SCRUGGS.

Parisian women are said to have a new caprice, which is the wearing of tan-colored hose.

GEO. W. EHRHART Wood Wood Chunks. 31-d6

ANOTHER sale of Red Underwear at Cheap Charley's. d&w

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Secretary Manning Points Out Necessary Legislation to Prevent Contraction.

Colonel Switzler's Vision of Southern Prosperity---National Finances---The President Explains.

A Plea for Poor Members of Congress---Heavy Decrease in National Bank Note Circulation.

Secretary Manning Points Out Some Urgently Needed Fiscal Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb 2.—Secretary Manning yesterday sent a long communication to Speaker Carlisle in reply to a recent resolution of the House of Representatives respecting reissue of treasury notes and the destruction of United States notes, etc. The first of these resolutions inquired whether any money appropriated in the Sundry Civil bill or any other government money had been expended for the purpose of issuing treasury notes of large denominations in lieu of notes of small denominations canceled or retired. Secretary Manning, after observing that he finds no authority to reissue treasury notes, says that if a more patient scrutiny of the statutes at large discloses such authority he could not, except under fresh instructions from Congress, conceive it a duty to expend money for such a purpose; and then he adds that none of the appropriation referred to, nor any other money belonging to the Government, has been expended for such purposes. The secretary then goes into a long argument in favor of paying the greenback debt and a repeal of the Compulsory Silver Purchase bill. He says:

"That another species of our outstanding indebtedness, namely, the legal tenders or greenbacks, known in law as United States notes, are equally with what the law designates as treasury notes beyond any need or excuse for reissue; that temporary notes which are a debt of principal and interest, should at once be cashed and canceled from abundant and superfluous coin on hand not now capable of being applied to any other use—this is so obvious a principle of sound finance, such as a prudent citizen would apply to his private affairs, that any Secretary of the Treasury would be subject to just reproach for departure therefrom by reissues, were it not that the act of May 31, 1878, seems to require of him that fiscal misstep. And I beg leave to submit to the House the question whether, among many other reasons for its repeal, the contraction of the currency sought to be averted by that act can not in any other and better way be prevented than by its repeal. The fact that the $346,681,016 of greenback debt is a greenback currency, is so far from being a reason against its payment that it is reason which makes its payment and destruction necessary—not without a better currency to take its place; but such a currency is at hand. But, also, a contraction of the currency should be avoided. The substitution of a better currency for the Greenbacks runs no hazard of contraction. But the consequences of not using our coin surplus thus are serious. For in currency of some sort with the year's taxes paid, and the excess of receipts over the authorized disbursements of the treasury would be the measure of the contraction of the currency. This contraction can be avoided by appropriations for an extravagant and reckless outpour of expense like that of war. It can also be avoided by the payment of debt. The first remedy need not be discussed; it is of course the remedy of the most unworthy of the people's representatives. The second remedy is all that remains."

"What debt, then, shall we pay?" the secretary asks, and goes on to argue that it would be an inexcusable extravagance to diminish the bonded debt not yet due by anticipatory purchase, at a high premium, when, under the operations of the Sinking Fund law, every dollar of the National debt, greenbacks and all, can be cancelled by 1908. Of anticipatory payment of funded debt at a high premium, the secretary says:

"While successfully getting out of the treasury the currency tax surplus, and so preventing contraction in that form, is that method, nevertheless, which would contract the currency in another form by too suddenly diminishing National bank circulation based on the funded debt. It is therefore necessary now, not only to reduce taxation in order to prevent surplus tax collecting from being currency contracting again and again, but it is necessary also to employ our present and unavoidable tax surplus in the payment not of funded, but of the unfunded debt. Great extravagance or needless expense or serious monetary trouble can both be so avoided. The people's representatives, by action before adjournment, can relieve the Secretary of the Treasury from a bad choice between those now present alternatives. The surplus coin and bullion which will remain in the treasury after all the bonds subject to call have been paid, and before the the Fiftieth Congress will assemble, together with the proceeds of surplus taxation which will flow into the treasury before any possible reduction of taxes by the present Congress can take effect, constitute a sum which can well be got out of the treasury into the hands of the people, where it belongs, by the payment of the greenback debt. Coin certificates are a ready and superior paper money to the greenbacks. The substitution can be effected as a more matter of treasury administration whenever two indispensable conditions are first fulfilled by Congress. The repeal of the compulsory silver purchases is the first indispensable condition, and the repeal of the compulsory host of redemption reissues of United States notes is the next and only other condition.

These two repeals are together necessary, the Secretary insists, to prevent on the one hand an extravagant expense, or on the other hand a considerable contraction of the currency.

Replying to the other resolutions of inquiry about the cancelation of $1 and $2 notes, the Secretary presents tables showing that since August 4, 1886, there has been a decrease by destruction of $3,861,957 of ones and $6,957,089 of twos, and an increase of $12,000,000 in fives and $9,000,000 in ten dollar notes.

The Bureau of Statistics on the "New South."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Bureau of Statistics yesterday issued a large volume, a report upon the commercial and industrial condition, transportation and other facilities of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky.

The information was collected by expert agents detailed to each of these ten States. The development of transportation by railroad and water, the growth of agricultural and mineral operations, etc., are given in great detail. Chief Switzler, in reviewing the reports, says:

Whatever speculations may be deduced from the exhibit here made, or the lessons it may teach our statesmen, it will not be questioned that the reports furnish evidences of recuperative energy, and of material, progress and development by the Southern people, unexampled in the history of our civilization: in short, that the new and the mightier South is rapidly emerging from the blight and desolations of the civil war, and promises in a short time to attain a high degree of prosperity. This marvelous development can be truthfully affirmed, not simply, or chiefly, in respect to railway transportation, or to mining, or manufactures, but to every material interest of the South and to almost every section of it. The exceptional stations are those which are destitute of direct railway or water communications with the markets of the world. These, and these only, are yet to feel the forces which quicken the sluggish currents of the old life, and these, no doubt, in a comparatively short time, will hear 'the whirl of the wheels that weave the web of towns.' The contents of this report will be revelations to the country, even to the Southern people themselves, for they disclose a wealth of opportunities for enterprise and industry which is unparalleled. The advantages of the South for agricultural pursuits, not simply for the cultivation of cotton, sugar, and rice but for agricultural development in all its branches and for manufacturing, for mining the precious metals, for coal and iron (which are more substantial foundations of prosperity), for lumbering and for stock raising are being appreciated by the people of other parts of the Union, and already thousands of enterprising immigrants from the North and West, and millions and even hundreds of millions of capital are pouring into the Southern States.

National Debt Reduction—Balances—Receipts and Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The reduction in the public debt during January amounted to $9,515,657, and for the first seven months of the current fiscal year $56,667,574. The total debt less cash in the treasury is now $1,332,463,598.

The net cash in the treasury is $37,780,050, against $42,196,632 on January 1. The gold coin and bullion fund balance in the treasury is $168,475,361, against $170,912,413 a month ago. The silver fund balance is $80,525,108, against $75,693,944 a month ago. The store of standard silver dollars now aggregates $193,963,783, or nearly five and a half millions more than on January 1.

Government receipts from all sources were $28,395,901, or fully three and a half millions more than in January, 1886. Customs receipts alone amounted to $17,021,140, or nearly two and a half millions more than in January, 1886, and internal revenue receipts were $9,719,319, or half a million more than in January a year ago.

Government expenditures in January were $23,284,901, or about half a million more than in January, 1886.

Receipts from all sources for the first seven months of the current fiscal year amount to $209,073,928 or seventeen and a half millions more than for the corresponding seven months of the previous fiscal year. On the other hand, expenditures for the seven months of this fiscal year amount to $167,786,457, or nearly sixteen and a half millions more than for the corresponding months of the previous fiscal year.

The President Explains.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—In answer to Mr. Wallace's resolution calling for information about the extension of the Hawaiian treaty by the Senate, the President to-day sent to the House a communication in which he says that no convention or treaty whatever has been "ratified and agreed to by the Senate and President" as cited in the resolution. He also transmits the draft of the supplemental treaty which was submitted to the Senate providing for the extension of the terms of the Hawaiian treaty for seven years. Accompanying this is a report of the secret proceedings of the Senate, showing that the supplemental treaty was adopted by a two-thirds vote with an amendment ceding to the United States the Pearl River Harbor for a coaling station.

As the Senate agreed to the amendment it now remains for the Hawaiian Government to do the same before the treaty can be ratified, which fact explains away the apparent contradiction in the statement made by the President, and the action of the Senate in secret session.

Mysterious Disappearance of a Pending Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—In the Senate yesterday the subject of the loss in the House of the Northern Pacific Land Forfeiture bill came up. A statement of the proceedings of the conference committee up to the disappearance of the bill and the replacing of it with a copy furnished by the Senate conferees was read; also a letter from Mr. Cobb, chairman of the House conferees, stating that he had not seen the bill since he reported it to the House at the last session.

Mr Dolf, of the Senate conferees, stated that as soon as the bill was missed he directed a thorough search to be made, but failed to find any trace of the bill. He understood that there was no difficulty in substituting another copy at this stage of the proceedings, and he proposed to take this course.

A Plea for the Poor Members of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The report in favor of the bill providing clerks for Senators and Representatives who are not chairmen of committees comments on the fact that many members are obliged to employ secretaries at their own expense, and says: "Many of the Representatives especially from the Southern States, are poor men and can not maintain a family in Washington on a less salary than now allowed by law. It is not to the interest of the public at large that poor men of a high order of talent should be driven and kept out of Congress through the meagerness of the salary, and thus the business of legislation intrusted to millionaires and men of wealth.

Heavy Decrease in National Bank Note Circulation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The February statement of the Comptroller of the Currency showed the amount of National bank notes outstanding to be $292,798,462, a decrease of $24,861,571 since February 1, 1886.

FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

(Second Session.)

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—A message from the President vetoing the bill granting a pension to Mrs. Margaret Dunlap, of Missouri, was presented and referred. The President bases his disapproval on the ground that the death of the woman's husband was the result of a quarrel with a comrade and did not occur in the line of duty.

Among the bills reported from committees and placed on the calendar was one to reimburse the depositors of the Freedmen's Savings Bank and Trust Company for losses incurred by the failure of that company, and another to pay to the several States and Territories moneys collected for direct taxes under the act of August, 1861; also to refund duties paid by the State of New York on arms imported in 1863.

Senator-elect Paddock's credentials were presented and filed.

Mr. Harris (Tenn.) endeavored to have the Senate act on his resolution looking to the consideration at the end of the morning hour daily of House bills on the calendar, but his motion to that effect, after a sharp interchange of senatorial courtesies, was rejected.

A message from the House was presented requesting the Senate to furnish a duplicate engrossed copy of the Senate bill forfeiting certain lands of the Northern Pacific grant.

Mr. Ingalls objected to granting the request, and the matter went over until to-morrow.

At two o'clock the unfinished business—the Beck Railroad Attorney bill—was presented, but laid aside informally, and the Senate proceeded with the consideration of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill.

In discussing one of the items Mr. Allison said that if Congress appropriated the full amounts estimated for and added thereto what would be required for pensions, there would be little, if any, surplus left for the next year, unless the revenue was largely increased. The total of the estimates was about $406,000,000.

A number of amendments were adopted, among which were the following:

By Mr. Sherman: Appropriating $50,000 to assist the Marietta Centennial Monument Association in the erection of a monument at Marietta, O., in celebration of the ordinance of 1787 and the first settlement of the Northwest Territory.

By Mr. Miller: Appropriating $250,000 for the purchase of the property at Middleton Richmond County, now used as a marine hospital for the port of New York.

By Mr. Hoar: Appropriating $125,000 for the purchase of a site and the commencement of a public building at Worcester, Mass.

By Mr. Mahone: Appropriating $40,000 for a public building at Harrisburg, Va., and $100,000 for a public building at New Bedford, Mass.

By Mr. Sewell: Appropriating $40,000 for site for a public building at Camden, N. J.

By Mr. Frye: Appropriating $35,000 for the entertainment of the international congress at the ninth annual meeting in Washington in September, 1887.

By Mr. Spooner: Appropriating $50,000 for the public building at La Crosse, Wis., in addition to the $100,000 heretofore appropriated.

By Mr. Plumb: Appropriating $40,000 to complete the building at Fort Scott, Kas.

At 5:45 p. m., without disposing of the bill, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

The Senate bill declaring the forfeiture of portions of the Northern Pacific land grant having been lost, a resolution was adopted requesting the Senate to furnish a duplicate copy.

A number of committee reports were submitted recommending that terms of United States courts be held at Newark, N. J.; granting a pension to Walt Whitman, and prescribing compensation of clerks to Congressmen not chairmen of committees.

An adverse report from the committee on invalid pensions was submitted by Mr. Taulbee (Ky.) on the bills granting pensions to the widows of Generals Logan and Blair, and the report was referred to the private calendar.

In the morning hour a bill passed authorizing the United States Treasurer to credit the District of Columbia with certain moneys in lieu of investing the same in bonds.

At the expiration of the morning hour the House, by a vote of yeas, 112; nays, 126; refused to consider the Army Reorganization bill.

Before moving to go into committee of the whole for consideration of the bill for a naval bureau, Mr. Herbert moved to limit debate on the pending section to twenty minutes. This limitation was objected to by the opponents of the bill on the Republican side, and they resorted to parliamentary tactics to defeat it. The House was left without a quorum, in which condition it remained until five o clock, when a recess was taken until 7:30—the evening session being for the consideration of bills reported from the committee on military affairs.

A Victory for the Free Press.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 2.—The State Senate after a spirited debate, yesterday indefinitely postponed the joint resolution which passed the House January 6, and which contemplated the investigation and punishment of newspapers that have charged the majority faction in the legislature with corrupt practices. Only one Senator (Sanborn, of Newport) spoke in favor of the resolutions. Senator Cooke, of Providence, made an elaborate speech in opposition, and was supported by several others. The vote was 20 to 11.

These resolutions were believed to indicate an attempt on the part of the Legislature to silence the newspapers by the exercise of the long unused constitutional power to "punish contempts." This was considered an attack on the liberty of the press, and excited great interest throughout the State and general censure from the press. The result is considered a victory for the newspapers.

Granted a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb 1.—Judge Bradley, of the United States Supreme Court, has filed a decision with the clerk of the Circuit Court here, granting a writ of *habeas corpus* in the case of Oscar Baldwin, convicted of embezzling two million dollars of the funds of the Mechanics' National Bank of Newark. The ground on which the application for *habeas corpus* was asked is that Baldwin's crime is not embezzlement, but misapplication of funds by illegal means. Baldwin will at once be released from prison.

Murder and Attempted Suicide.

ABBEVILLE, Ga., Feb. 1.—George Gray and Isaac Wiggins, colored, the former the stepson of the latter, quarreled over the price of potatoes, when Gray drew out his revolver and shot the old man dead. Seeing the result of his work he then discharged the second load into his own breast, but did not succeed in killing himself. He is now in jail, where he is threatened with lynching by the infuriated negroes.

Another Awful Blizzard.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—A Port Shaw (Mont.) dispatch says: "Yesterday's storm through this section was very severe, the mercury marking twenty-nine to thirty-five degrees below zero. Six to eleven inches of snow fell on a level. Roads are impassable. The stage from Choteau is reported lost. A relief party is searching for it."

Dr. McGlynn Rapidly Recovering.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Dr. McGlynn's physician said that his patient was doing as well as could be expected. It is now believed that his convalescence will be rapid, and that he will go to Rome when sufficiently recovered to make the trip.

Schroeder's Whereabouts Still Unknown.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Nothing has been heard of the whereabouts Schroeder, the fugitive defaulter of the Germania Savings Bank, Jersey City.

A Stich in Time.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—General Manager Pugh and other executive officers of the Pennsylvania railroad have gone to Jersey City for the purpose of averting a freight handlers' strike if possible.

The Collateral Inheritance Law.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The constitutionality of the collateral inheritance law has been affirmed by the Court of Appeals.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

Bold Attempt to Rob the Passengers in a Sleeping Car Frustrated.

Tragic Ending of a Drunken Bout---A Cocking Main Raided---Will Turn Up in Canada.

Didn't Get the Key---Killed for a Morsel of Food---Fatally Wounded by Burglars.

Bold Attempt to Rob the Passengers in a Sleeper.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 1.—A singularly bold attempt to rob the passengers in the sleeper attached to the express train on the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago railway, which left Chicago at 3:15 p. m. yesterday, was made on the arrival of the train in the Fort Wayne depot at 11:10 p. m. Mr. Miller, a prominent commission merchant of this city, was one of the passengers, and to-day related a thrilling experience. He says:

"The train had barely halted, when an unusually rough-looking man entered the door of the sleeper and begged for money to secure a night's lodging. He passed through to the rear, and, on giving a signal, two men appeared at the front and three at the rear door. They made to enter the car, but were confronted by two passengers with drawn revolvers. A brakeman gave an alarm and a scuffle ensued in which the brakeman was roughly handled, Policemen made their appearance, and the robbers took to their heels and escaped in the darkness. The passengers were greatly excited and several ladies fainted.

Tragic Ending of a Drunken Bout.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The mangled body of Thomas Moolick, an elderly man, was found in Edward Zeph's house, on Yates street, yesterday morning at ten o'clock. It is supposed that Zeph killed Moolick with a hatchet, which was found in the room. The body was under a table, the head being hacked into a shapeless mass. The hatchet lay on the floor covered with brains and blood. Blood spattered the whole room, and the upturned furniture indicated a severe struggle.

Zeph was arrested on the street hurrying away from the house, his clothing covered with blood. He was evidently suffering from the effects of a long debauch. He said:

"I have no recollection of the murder, if I have committed one."

Zeph and his victim were widowers, and Moolick was visiting Zeph. Liquor was found on the table. Both were soldiers in the Union army, and had just drawn their pension money.

Made a Good Haul—A Cock Fight Raided.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1—At an early hour this morning the police made a raid on Ed Morris' saloon, No. 319 Main street, where a cocking-main for $200 a side was in progress between Louisville and Cincinnati chickens. One hundred and eight spectators were arrested, who had put up one dollar and a half each for admittance. Six birds had been killed and several disabled, when the policeman's axe crashed through the door and put an end to the sport. The prisoners were loaded in three patrol wagons outside and driven to the station house. There were nine loads in all, distributed among the Central Bremen street and Hammond street stations. They were charged with aiding and abetting a cock fight. In the police court this morning sixty-five of the 108 pleaded guilty, and of these forty-eight paid their twenty-five dollars fine and costs. The others were locked up until they could raise the necessary money or secure bail. The bulk of the cases undisposed of were postponed until next Friday.

Will Turn Up in Canada.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 1.—Discount Clerk John D. Lisle, of the First National Bank, of this city, is missing, and it is believed that he is a defaulter to the amount of $80,000. Lisle lived comfortably in a suburban town, twenty miles from the city, and came to his business every morning by rail. He left his suburban home on Saturday morning as usual, but did not present himself at the bank. There was no great uneasiness at his home, but the bank officers, who had been already studying his accounts when his flight took place, pressing the investigation with all speed, had found ample cause for his disappearance. When nothing was heard of him on Sunday, and he failed to appear yesterday and to-day, the crime and flight could no longer be concealed. The bank officers find that the absconding clerk took with him $3,500 in cash. Indications point to a loss of at least $80,000.

They Didn't Get the Key.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 1—News has reached here from Nashville, this State, that three armed men rode up to the store of John Williams, merchant, Saturday, and called for the proprietor. When Williams presented himself the men demanded the money and the safe keys. He told them that the key was in his room. When he went to get the key he got a gun loaded with buckshot, and fired through the front door. One of the outlaws was killed instantly while another was fatally injured in the thigh. The remaining man fled uninjured.

A Bloody Fight for a Morsel of Food.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb 1.—Dave Bland and Sam Brooks, mill hands, quarreled over their rations, when Brooks, becoming furious, grasped a piece of crossstie and attacked Bland, felling him with a blow that shattered his jaw bone. Bland, however, resisting the attack with an ax, dealt his antagonist a blow in the breast with such terrific force as to lay bare his heart, causing instant death. Bland is in a precarious condition, but may possibly survive his injuries.

Fatally Wounded by Burglars.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 1.—About one o'clock this morning Walter Galloway, the leading merchant at Galloway Station, a few miles from this place, was aroused by a noise in his store, and, with his clerk, proceeded to investigate. A number of men were found plundering the store. A fight ensued, several shots being fired. The thieves escaped, leaving Galloway and McLease badly, if not fatally, wounded.

The O'Neil Trial—A Strong Point.

NEW YORK, Feb 1.—On the reassembling of the Court of Oyer and Terminer this morning the trial of ex-Alderman O'Neil for bribery was continued before Judge Barrett. Mr. Brooks, on resuming his summing-up, again called attention to the significance of the fact that ex-Alderman McLaughlin was not at the nine o'clock meeting, and therefore did not vote on the bill. In substance he then said: "Both Fullgraff and Duffy can only recollect that DeLacey and Jaehne were the spokesmen at the alleged meeting of the combine. Jaehne is in the State prison and DeLacey is in Canada, and they can not deny these statements. McLaughlin, also, is dead and can not be called to refute the allegations that the meetings were held in his house. The story of the combination between antagonistic members of the board and the statements of the details of the meeting are so horrible that even were the characters of the informers not impeached they were not and could not be believed by any one."

Mr. Brooks then considered the testimony of Katie Metz. He said he did not wish to impeach the girl's veracity, but her fancy had been brought to imagine that what she said was true. He held that the evidence of Mrs. McLaughlin and Miss Fox fully contradicted the assertions made by Fullgraff and Duffy that the meeting of the thirteen aldermen took place at the house of Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Brooks closed his address for the defense after a speech of six hours.

Assistant District Attorney Fellows will sum up for the people in a five-hour speech this afternoon, and the case will go to the jury to-night.

Found Guilty, But Sentence Deferred.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The jury in the trial of ex-Alderman O'Neil for bribery in connection with the Broadway railroad franchise returned a verdict of guilty last night, after being out an hour and a half.

A motion for a new trial will be made next Friday. O'Neil was taken to the Tombs, sentence being deferred.

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Superior *fast dye* PLUSH CLOAKS, that cannot be equaled for beauty and cheapness. Don't buy until you look at them. LINN & SCRUGGS. d&w

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Dry Goods and Millinery.

All goods sold for cash and at prices never before quoted. *Millinery Goods at Your Own Price*—must be closed out to make room for Spring Stock.

Dress Goods, Flannels, Blankets, Comforts, Batting, Yarns, Hosiery, Leggings, Mittens, Mufflers—

ALL AT COST.

A few Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks at 50c on the dollar.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

143 EAST MAIN ST.

W. A. COMBS, proprietor of the restaurant on South Water street, opposite the court house, is prepared to furnish good, clean meals for 25 cents. Farmers and others are requested to call and give the place a trial. d&w

A. T. GRIST's bath rooms, south of the REPUBLICAN office, are now ready for use. The rooms are the largest and best in the city. aug13-dtf

GENT's fine Neckwear, latest styles, at B. Stine's.

GENTS' Silk Handkerchiefs, ranging from 50c up to the finest imported made, at B. Stine's. d&w

THE largest assortment of Boys' Knee Pants, ranging in price from $1 to $1.50 at B. Stine's. d&w

GET your Weather Strips at Hart's Upholstery. 13dtf

LATEST novelties in Swiss, Cambric and Nainsook Embroideries and Laces just received, at Linn & Scruggs. d&w

ANY and all kinds of cabinet work done at Hart's Upholstery. 13dtf

FOR the Genuine Sugar Loaf Lehigh Hard Coal, call on Caldwell, the live coal and wood dealer. nov27-dtf

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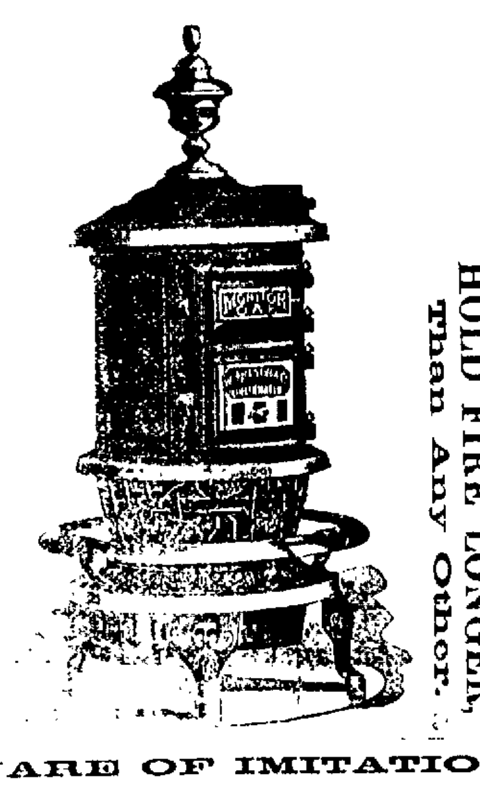

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The [illegible] Assortment and Largest Stock [illegible] Central Illinois.

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With all the Latest Improvements.

All goods are Very Low in Price, and Now is the Time to Buy. You can Save Money by Buying your Goods of

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Four Large Store Rooms,

Court House Block.

The Celebrated Hanan & Son Shoe.

Powers & Haworth have these shoes on A, B, C, D and E widths, the best of French calf, hand sewed, seamless, worth $7.50 and $8.00. As we have given up the agency here we offer the entire lot of Balmoral, Button and Congress, at the uniform price of $5.00 per pair.

Remember, these shoes are not a job lot, but are perfect and warranted in every respect. jan19-dtf

J. M. Huff sets a fine lunch at his place, just north of Millikin's bank.

If you want the handsomest and best hard coal base burner ever made, buy the Regal Peninsular.

Artistically cut and made Children's Overcoats, at reasonable figures, in latest styles, at Stine's. d&w

Geo. W Ehrhart Wood -Wood - Chunks. 31-d6

Commencing Monday, January 31st, the use of the Havana Line depot will be discontinued, and trains of that line will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot. No change in running time will be made at present. C. F. Hildreth, ticket agent. 31d2w

Croup, whooping cough, sore throat, sudden cold, and the lung troubles peculiar to children, are easily controlled by promptly administering Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. This remedy is safe to take and certain in its action.

Gents' Mufflers, ranging in price from 50c up to the finest made, at B. Stine's. d&w

For bargains call at Cheap Charley's.

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Sole Agents for Decatur, Illinois.

WEDNESDAY EVE., FEB. 2, 1887

LOCAL NEWS.

For presents look through the mammoth assortment at E. D. Bartholomew & Co.

Did he see his shadow?

Chris & Lena to-night at the opera house.

Go into any grocery store in the city and order White Loaf flour. All sell it.

Rev. A. Wimset will preach at the U. B. church Friday night.

Popular prices to-night 25, 50 and 75 cents.

Services at the U. B. church every evening this week except Saturday night.

Telephone for family groceries and choice flour to Niedermeyer's cash store on the Mound.

Baker and Kernell in "Chris and Lena" to-night.

The celebrated Nickey butter and reliably good groceries can be had at A. J. Smith & Son's store, 733 N. Water street.

Preaching at the Baptist church this evening.

Judge Hughes will hold the June term of court in this county.

D. F. Hamsher, on Wood street, will sell you an iron felloe farm wagon at a low figure. Select one at the shop.

Fresh Oysters at J. M. Huff's restaurant, just north of Millikin's bank.

The Universalist Society will give a sociable at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Baldwin on Friday evening. A general invitation is extended.

Geo. W Ehrhart Wood Wood Chunks. 31-d6

The laughing success of the day is the "Crazy Patch" comedy, to be given by the Kate Castleton company on Monday evening next. Popular prices 25, 50 and 75 cents. Advance sale at Prescott's begins on Friday morning.

Select California fruits and family groceries to suit you at Hanks & Patterson's store, 143 South Water street.

Owing to the fact that the Armory will be used for the Charity ball Friday night, the Guards will have their drill meeting this evening.

Trade with the new grocers, Knode & Osborne, on Water street. Orders filled promptly and goods delivered to any part of the city.

The young men are working actively for the success of the revival at Jones' Chapel. Rev. DuBois is bringing many of them into the fold.

The new Smock House with 20 rooms is at 914 East Eldorado street. New beds, new furniture everything new. Transients, $1.00 a day; week boarders, $4.00; day boarders, $3.50. Henry Smock in charge. 25d1mo

The Macedonia Baptist Church will give a sociable next Thursday night week, February 10th, for the benefit of the church, No. 414 South Broadway. The public is invited. Come one, come all. feb2-dtd

Choice Vienna bread and buns every day at J. Lytle & Co.'s grocery store, in opera block.

Chunks for your heating stoves at Geo W. Ehrhart's. Telephone 139. 31-d5

The Governor and Mrs. Oglesby, assisted by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the state officers of the executive department, will give a public reception in honor of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly from 8 to 12 this evening.

For first-class Upholstery, furniture repairing, carpet laying, awnings, tents, wagon covers, &c., &c., go to A. Boer, southwest corner old square. feb1d6m

Tender meats to boil, roasts and juicy steaks, lard, oysters and game at Dedman Bros.' new meat market.

Chunks for your heating stoves at Geo. W. Ehrhart's. Telephone 139. 31-d6

The old, reliable grocery firm, Lehman & Bolen, have a fine line of goods, and deliver to any part of the city. Give them a call at 150 Merchant street.

Try White Foam and Domestic flour, made by Hatfield & Co. Sold by all leading grocers.

Take your early breakfast and late lunch at Singleton's restaurant, west side Old Square. Oysters in any style at all hours. 28d1w

Send in orders by telephone to A. J. Smith & Son's store for choice family groceries.

Oysters and meals at J. M. Huff's, just three doors north of Millikin's bank.

The Baker Company arrived at noon to-day, and will appear at the opera house this evening, in one of their inimitable comedies. Of the play and company the *St. Louis Critic* of last Sunday says:

Pete F. Baker, when a big half of that popular team, Baker & Farron, played Chris and Lena, and made both fame and fortune. Baker is now alone, but his rendition of Chris at the People's last week shows him to be a greater success than ever. The absence of the female impersonator is a refreshing improvement. In fact, the play has been rearranged and is now more fascinating than it ever was before. Mr. Baker is a finished comedian and attractive singer. The support was fairly good and included such well-known artists as John Kernell, Harry Rich and Emily Vivian.

G. P. Hart for upholstery and shade oods. 13 dt

Pay Your Taxes.

The taxes for 1886 are now due, and as the time for collection is short, it is necessary that tax-payers should come forward without delay. Office with Mills Bros., over Linn & Scruggs' store. Office hours, from 8 a. m. to 8:30 p. m.

feb1-d2m H. Mahannah, Collector.

MATTERS IN COURT.

Expert Testimony for the Defense in the Malpractice Case.

This forenoon the visiting judges, Wilkin and Hughes, were extended the courtesies of Macon county by Judge Smith, who invited them to occupy chairs at his side.

They heard the testimony of witnesses for the defense in the Minson malpractice case. Dr. Catto testified yesterday, and this forenoon Dr. W. J. Chenoweth was on the stand. It is expected that all of the expert testimony will be concluded to-day. Dr. D. T. Kyner, of Macon, was an interested spectator, and was summoned to testify.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

Henry E. Hughes vs. James Hopson; appeal. Motion for rule on appellant to refund docket fee.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

Ben Boynton was fined $40 and costs for selling liquor to a minor.

George Kraft was fined $60 and costs for same offense.

Edward Williamson was fined $40 and costs for same offense.

Daniel Garver and Samuel Gerber pleaded guilty to conducting a lottery, and each was fined $5 and costs.

THE SPRING TERMS.

According to appointment, Judge Wilkin, of Danville, Judge Hughes, of Mattoon, and Judge Smith, of Champaign, met at the St. Nicholas hotel last evening and agreed upon the following appointments for holding the spring terms of court in this (the 4th) judicial district:

Judge Wilkin will preside—

Vermilion county	February 7 to 21
Edgar "	March 14 to April 11.
Champaign "	April 11 to April 18.
Clark "	April 18 to end of term.

Judge Smith will preside

Macon county	January 10 to March 7
Champaign county	March 7 to April 11.
Douglas "	April 11 to April 25.
Moultrie "	April 25 to May 9.
Vermilion "	May 16 to end of term.

Judge Hughes will preside

Platt county	February 7 to February 21.
Vermilion county	Feb. 21 to end of term.
Coles "	April 11 to end of term.
Macon "	June 6 to end of term.

This apportionment gives Judge Wilkin, who is one of the judges of the appellate court for the southern district, but three weeks at Mt. Vernon. He will have to write up his opinions at his leisure, if he has any to spare.

The guardianship of May and Lora, children of Charles T. Condell, deceased, was amicably settled in the county court before Judge Nelson to-day. The personal guardianship of the children is given to the paternal grandmother, Mrs. William J. Condell, and it is the order of the court, agreed upon by all parties interested, that the maternal grandmother shall have the privilege of visiting the children at least once a month, or oftener in case of their illness, and further that the children if they so desire may visit said maternal grandmother at least once a month. The guardian of funds left by the father is Albert Barnes.

The Deputy.

It was announced to-day that Postmaster Jack has appointed Mr. Milton B. Thomas as his deputy. Both will enter upon their duties when that commission arrives from Washington.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Harry M. Moore came down from Chicago this morning on business.

D. C. Robinson, of Farmer City, is in town visiting relatives.

Miss Lizzie Kaufman, of Chicago, is a guest of Mrs. C. J. Marcott.

Will Condell came up from St. Louis last night.

Mrs. Dr. Bunstead is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Myra Estabrook, of Danville.

Moses Stafford, who is at Boston, has our thanks for a copy of the *Sunday Globe* of that place.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Etheridge, on East Mason street, Feb. 1, a daughter.

Mrs. Allen Johnson, of Carlinville, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Bullard.

Mrs. Linda Nebinger, of Lewisbury, Pa., is in the city visiting Mrs. J. G. Starr.

Hon. W. T. Moffett, of Blue Mound, was in the city to-day and gave us a pleasant call.

Richard Bacon, son of Captain Bacon, who had a very severe attack of croup last night, is better to-day.

Judge Wilkin, of Danville, and Judge Hughes, of Mattoon, who were guests at the St. Nicholas last night, left for their homes to-day.

Hugh W. Hill left last evening for Hot Springs, Ark., to view the country in mid-winter and to test the curative qualities of the hot water.

SPREADING OUT.

The Popular Grocers, Hanks & Patterson, Enlarge their Establishment for the People.

One of the established family grocery firms of Decatur is that of Hanks & Patterson, at 143 South Water street, near the Republican office. These young men began business several years ago, and by courteous treatment and prompt attention to all details in their line, have drawn to them and retained a large and valuable patronage. Their stock of groceries, which is always fresh, comprises everything kept in a first-class establishment. Their patrons have long since learned that their prices are down to bed-rock on all goods, and that when an order is left at the store, either in person or by telephone, it is promptly delivered. No mistakes and no delays.

Hanks & Patterson are here to stay. They are fixtures. Recently they have enlarged their room at the rear 20 feet by taking out a partition, and the room has been made to shine with new paint, calcimine and pretty decorations. Trade with Hanks & Patterson, and you will get 100 cents for every dollar expended.

The great melo-dramatic and scenic success, "Hoodman Blind," will be presented Thurday night. Bradshaw and Horning are in the cast. The New York *World* said: "From the rise of the curtain until its fall the audience were in entire sympathy with the hero and heroine in their trials, and at the end of each act they were called before the curtain." Popular prices.

"Diseases, desperate grown, by desperate appliances are relieved, or not at all." The point of wisdom is to check them before they reach so far by buying a bottle of Salvation Oil. Price 25 cents.

"Conspiracies no sooner should be formed than executed," and a cold should no sooner be taken, than a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup should be bought and used according to the directions.

At the Altar.

Mr. James W. Bradfield, of Grand Forks, Dakota, and Miss Rebecca A. McRoberts were united in marriage last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McRoberts, on Franklin street, in the presence of Decatur and Springfield relatives, the more intimate friends of the family being included in the company. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. A. Kinney Hall, of St. John's Episcopal church, who used the usual ring service. The bride, who has many friends in the city, was becomingly attired in a rich costume of light brown surah silk, trimmed with plush. The ornaments were diamonds and natural flowers. A bountiful wedding repast followed the ceremony, the guests extending their personal congratulations to the happy couple, whose acquaintance began several years ago when the groom was a resident of Decatur. His occupation is that of a traveling salesman for the D. M. Osborne & Co. agricultural implement firm. His headquarters are at Grand Forks, Dakota, where the couple will reside. Many beautiful and useful gifts were bestowed upon the bride. She also received notes of congratulation from absent friends.

Mr. Bradfield and bride departed last night for Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul, and will soon arrive at Grand Forks.

A Jolly Affair.

Ald. and Mrs. Robert L. Ferguson, having boastfully claimed that no person or company of people could perpetrate a surprise on them, a party of their friends demonstrated last night that nothing is impossible with them. The visit was well timed, and Bob and his wife had to admit that the surprise was a c. s.--complete success. Both were found at their home, on East William street, and after the capture a round of games were indulged in and a fine feast was spread. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Haws, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Combs, Mr. and Mrs Perry Hunsicker, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Grist, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weigand, Misses Kitty Sine, Ida Haws, Emma Weigand, Mrs. Miller, and Messrs. H. E. McWhirter, Guy Stanley and Robert Weigand.

The time lock at the People's bank at Bloomington did not unlock at the usual hour Monday morning, and it was known in a moment that it would not unlock until 11 o'clock. An officer of the bank had been working late the night before, and not thinking to change the lock, closed the safe. Therefore the opening did not take place until several hours after the usual time. The bank was in a dilemma, being without funds and also without the bank books. There was no run on the bank.

Cake.

This office is indebted for a liberal donation of delicious cake from the Bradfield-McRoberts wedding, received this morning with the compliments of the bride's parents.

Last night Marshal Mason got back from Peoria with Jack Medford in custody. He was put in jail. The girl, Fannie Myers, was returned to her mother, Mrs. Blair.

Further developments in the great row which occurred at the depot in Niantic on Monday afternoon reveal the facts that while the train was between Decatur and Harristown the man (or boy), Ashcraft, broke quite a number of lights out of the coach, and upon arriving at Harristown the conductor of the train sent a message to the agent to have an officer at the train to arrest the party. He was arrested upon the arrival of the train, when Henry Chapman interfered, and the prisoner got away. One of the parties called on to assist in taking Chapman refused, and was on Tuesday taken before 'Squire Faris and fined $5 and costs. The other parties will receive their medicine as soon as they can be found. It may be further said that the depot in Niantic is getting to be a tough place, and the railroad officers should put a stop to such demonstrations as were indulged in on Monday afternoon, which are a common occurrence. A detective for the railroad company was in Niantic on Tuesday looking for Ashcraft, and the end is not yet.

The New Signal Flags.

Request is made that the new code of signals adopted by the government for universal use, the same that are now displayed at the Illinois Midland general office, be published in full so that the weather signs may be readily understood. They are very simple and in no wise as complicated as the old signals that were seven in number.

THE SIGNALS.

The new code consists of four regular flags, as follows:

No. 1—White flag, six feet square, always indicating clear or fair weather; no rain.

No. 2—Blue flag, six feet square, indicating rain or snow.

No. 3—Black triangular flag, six feet at the base and six feet in length, always referring to temperature. When placed above Nos. 1 or 2, it indicates warmer weather; when placed below Nos. 1 or 2, it indicates colder weather; when not displayed, the indications are that the temperature will remain stationary, or that the change in temperature will not vary five degrees from the temperature of the same hour of the preceding day.

No. 4—Cold wave flag, white ground, black centre, six feet square (the same as the cold wave flag of the former code), indicating the approach of a sudden and decided fall in temperature. This signal is usually ordered at least twenty-four hours in advance of the cold wave. It is not displayed unless a temperature of 45 degrees or less is expected, nor is flag No. 3 displayed with it.

When displayed on flag-poles the signals are arranged to read *downward*; when displayed from horizontal supports a small streamer is attached to indicate the point from which the signals are to be read, when in the form of symbols, to be displayed on the cars, the symbols are to be placed one above the other and read downward.

To render the explanation clearer, the following examples are given:

White flag, black triangle below it—fair, colder.

Black triangle, blue flag below it—warmer, rain or snow.

Black triangle, white flag below it, blue flag below that—warmer, fair weather, followed by rain or snow.

White flag, cold wave flag below it—fair weather—cold wave.

The cyclone or wind-storm signal—the red flag with the black square in the middle—remains unchanged.

Parties should cut out the above description and refer to it occasionally until the signs become familiar.

German fun and frolic at the opera house to-night.

Robert Priddy left for Bethany this forenoon to recover his stolen horse.

Chief Wayne announces that several of the fire department horses are sick. In case a fire alarm is sounded they will have to go slowly, as the surgeon forbids extra exertion.

Red Underwear at a sacrifice at Cheap Charley's. d&w

DINGES & COOP.

The New Grocery Firm that Succeeds Peter Ullrich.

The Republican some time since announced the sale of the well-known grocery store of Peter Ullrich to Messrs. Joseph B. Dinges and James Coop. Yesterday the stock was invoiced and turned over to the new proprietors and to-morrow they will be ready to wait upon customers. The new firm begins business with the most flattering prospects. Both are young, energetic and popular. Both have a large acquaintance among the people of both city and country, and both have hosts of friends among all classes of people. Their long experience in one of the largest retail establishments of the state has given them habits and ideas of business which will be turned to good account, albeit in another line of trade, and, better than all, it has given them discipline in the matter of dealing with all sorts of people, which is the one important thing to be learned by any man who enters any branch of the retail mercantile trade. Both are reliable, trustworthy men, who have earned the confidence and respect of the community, and in predicting success for them in their new venture we have not forgotten that it pays in a mere mercenary sense, as well as in a good many other ways, to have a reputation for probity and fair dealing.

The stand to which these gentlemen have succeeded is an old established one in the grocery line, located in the centre of business, and easily accessible from all parts of the city. It has long been a popular place, and there is no doubt that its popularity will be well maintained. It will be the aim of Messrs. Dinges & Coop to keep their stock up so well that they will be able at all times to supply the wants of their customers, and in the quality of their goods they do not propose to be one whit behind the best. They will keep constantly on hand every class and variety of staple and fancy groceries, provisions of all kinds, fruits and vegetables in their season, and in short every sort of goods usually kept in a first-class grocery store. In prices they will be prepared to meet any legitimate competition, and do not shrink from a comparison of figures. Their constant aim will be to meet the wants of their customers and the public generally, to treat everybody with kindness and politeness, to be prompt in the delivering of goods, to misrepresent nothing and to deceive nobody. We are much mistaken if they do not succeed in retaining the large trade built up by Mr. Ullrich, besides attracting new customers. They deserve the good opinion and business patronage of the public, and they will get it.

A mail car on the Wabash, due here yesterday afternoon on No. 5, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning, east of Danville, together with a lot of mail matter. It is surmised that the commission of Mr. Jack as postmaster at Decatur was consumed in the flames. If such should be the case Mr. Jack will have to wait until a new commission is forwarded from Washington before he can take charge of the office.

The Home Minstrel Party have added a novel feature to their already interesting programme in securing the services of Prof. J. A. Barnes and Dr. L. Miesse. The latter is an expert on the banjo, and Prof. Barnes is one of Decatur's best guitar players. Full rehearsal Friday evening, Feb. 4, at 8 o'clock, in the opera house.

A large company of friends helped Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dempsey celebrate their wooden wedding last night. A fine supper was served.

Rev. E. V. Zollars will preach this evening at the Christian church on "Conversion." The interest in the meetings at this church is growing. All are cordially invited. Services every afternoon and evening.

This is a good ground-hog day. If the sign holds good, fine spring weather may be expected. The granulated snow storm of last night was accompanied by thunder and lightning.

"It is worth its weight in gold," is a common expression. But, while the value of gold is easily affected, the worth of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, as a blood purifier, never depreciates. It will eradicate scrofula from the system when everything else fails.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Postoffice at Decatur, Macon county, Ill., for week ending February 2, 1887.

Albert P K
Arbogast F C
Allen I Newt
Abbott Mrs Hattie
Baker Will
Riggs Miss Dora
Burrows J W
Brockelsby Miss Josie
Buskirk Henry
Bobth E L
Brewer Miss Sallie
Chapman Mrs C F
Carden Miss Mattie
Coon A B
Clement J E
Chadwick J J
Cohn W
Crane Miss Mary C
DuBoss M E
Downing M A
Doty John M
Dyke Mrs H R
Gray Alonzo
Gilman Fred
Goodrich Sdasi
Grubber William T
Hott Charley
Hall A S
Helser Edward
Hulet John D
Henry Miss Mary Ann
Holland Sallie
Lake Ben
Levy Silvain
Logan Mrs Senith
Massner Charley Fritz
Montgomery Mrs Clara
Meller Bill
Matthews Walter
Nelson Chas W
O'Connor Miss Mary
Olshefsky Miss Wilhelmina
Phinney Mrs Geo B
Priest Mrs Josie A
Pharo Joseph H
Paine P F
Reece Mrs Allice
Russell Mrs Mary
Ridgeway Sam
Schriber Miss
Speact Miss Christena
Sonders Miss Mary
Smith Charley
Stark A J
Stivers C F
Spear Miss Ella
Stevens Miss Frankie
Smith Louis
Stackhouse Miss Mary
Smith Phinny
Sanderson Robert
Terrell Mrs Ella
Tyree Miss Minnie
Wargowsky Rev E L
Williams Miss Emma S
Weisner J C
Ward Willis
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The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or your money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by John A. Swearingen. s1

If you want the handsomest and best hard coal base burner ever made, buy the Regal Peninsular.

The Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Commission Merchant:

Wheat—77¾ Feb; 77⅞ Mar; 78⅝ Apr; 83¾ May.

Corn—35¾ Feb; 35⅞ Mar; 36¼ Apr; 40⅞ May.

Oats—25¾ Feb; 25¾ Mar; 26⅛ Apr; 30⅛ May.

Pork—$13.00; Mar; $11.07 Apr; $13.12 May.

Lard—$6.60 March; $6.95 April; $6.72 May.

Ribs—$6.55 March; $6.62 April; $6.70 May.

Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs 22,000; prospects steady.

Cattle, 7,000; market weak and slower.

Car Lots—Wheat: Winter 10, Spring 39; Corn, 89; Oats, 100.

LOOK BEFORE YOU BUY!

12,000 Yards Fine Undressed Bleached Cotton, at 5c.
16,000 Yards Extra Fine Undressed Bleached Cotton, at 6 3-4c.
5,500 Yards Heavy Brown Sheeting, at 5c.
5,500 Yards Best Brown Muslin, at 6c.
4,000 Yards Best Calico, at 3c.
Ladies' Lace Trimmed Chemise and Drawers to match, 17c.
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Ladies' Cambric Ruffled Night Dresses, at 35c.
6,000 Yards Best Fast-Colored Indigo Prints, at 6c.
4,000 Yards Best Dress Ginghams, at 6 1-2c.

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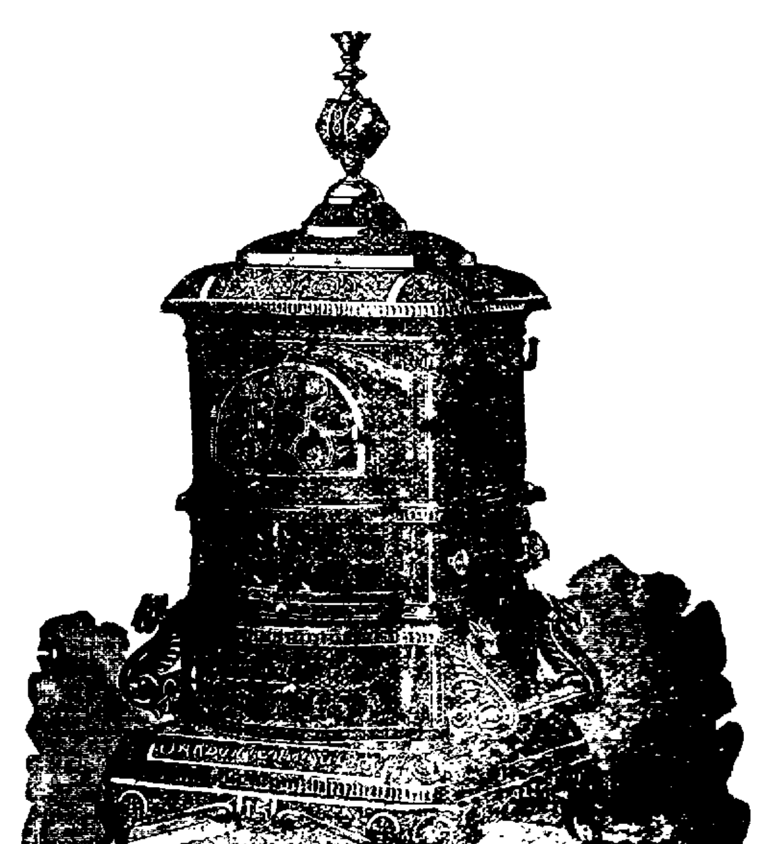

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

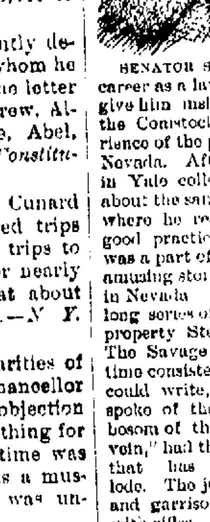
MRS. CLEVELAND AND HER PETS. TWO SENATORS OF NOTE.

Stewart, of Nevada, and His Law Practice in Stirring Mining Days—Stewart Castle. Senator Davis, of Minnesota—His Resemblance to Ben Butler.

[Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—It is surprising what a little thing it takes to amuse the great big public from Maine to California. It is doubtful if a monkey in anybody else's family would have made so much fun as the little marmoset which Mrs. Cleveland bought a few weeks ago has made in the executive household. Everybody who goes to the White House asks to see the monkey, and in a few short weeks the cunning little animal, which had hitherto lived in a wicker cage, has acquired an almost world-wide fame. It is a little gray-brown beast, with a pink face and a long, soft tail. Callers at the White House describe it as a wonderfully bright and amusing little pet. It spends most of its time in the upstairs portion of the house, but in the evening is allowed to play a spell in the Red room, where the president and his wife, sitting by their own fireside, admit Hector, the poodle, and the monkey to their companionship. Few of the common herd of people have seen the monkey, but special friends of the president and his wife come away telling very amusing stories of how the president unbends from his dignity and allows the monkey to perch on his shoulder as he puffs his evening cigar and scans the newspapers. Hector, the pretty French poodle, given her by the agent of the Hamburg Steamship company last summer before her departure from Europe, is now a very well behaved dog. When he came to the White House he could only understand French, and it was only after a number of pretty thorough whippings from St. Clair, the president's valet, and severe scoldings from Bobbette, Mrs. Cleveland's French maid, that he could be made to forsake his mother tongue and take lessons in English.

The election of ex-Senator Stewart, of Nevada, to the senate brings back to Washington society the mistress of the old Stewart castle on Dupont circle. Senator Stewart and the noted wit, Jim Nye, were the first two senators from Nevada. Stewart went out in '69. He was then a tall, heavy, brown bearded man, regarded as a very good lawyer, and, as an exception to the usual rule of Pacific coast senators, was an eloquent speaker. He is now nearly twenty years older, his brown beard has turned almost white, but he is said to be a better lawyer than ever. When he left the senate he was a very rich man, and some said he was worth $4,000,000 or $5,000,000. This he made mainly in speculating in mining stock.

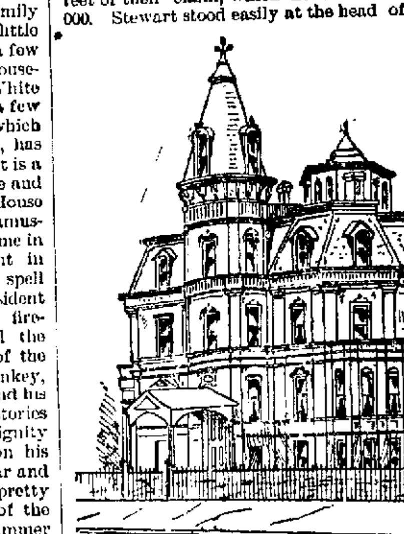


SENATOR STEWART

Stewart's career as a lawyer has always been such as to give him inside information about stocks of the Comstock lode. He had the usual experience of the pioneer leaders of California and Nevada. After spending a year and a half in Yale college he went to San Francisco about the same time that John P. Jones did, where he read law and soon stepped into a good practice. He went to Nevada when it was a part of the territory of Utah. Some amusing stories are told of his early practice in Nevada. In one of the first suits in the long series of litigations over the Comstock property Stewart was engaged as counsel. The Savage Mining company, which at that time consisted of six men, but two of whom could write, and in their notice of claim spoke of the possible wealth buried in the bosom of the earth as "the surposed quartz vein," had their claim jumped by a company that has since disappeared from the lode. The jumpers built a rough stone fort, and garrisoned it with thirty men armed with rifles. The jumpers bought up the jury when the Savage company brought suit against them, paying $250 a head. The fabulous wealth of the lode was then well demonstrated, and the sage brush hillsides were thick at night with men rolled up in their blankets. Lawyers, who saw a rich harvest in the litigation to come, flocked in. They were glad enough to get a barn and a pile of straw to sleep on, and Judge Cradlebaugh, the federal judge, was glad enough to sleep with them. The court, a little room over the livery stable, bristled with six shooters during its daily sessions. In the middle of the suit President Buchanan removed Judge Cradlebaugh and appointed his former minister to The Hague, R. P. Flennikan. The tenure of territorial judgeships at that day was not well defined. Judge Cradlebaugh insisted upon holding his office. Stewart and Judge Terry, famous from his duel with Senator Broderick, were on opposite sides of the Savage suit. They decided to try their case before the old judge; but, as the latter made his charges accord closely with Mr. Stewart's views of evidence, Terry said he should recognize the authority of Judge Flennikan. The new judge came to Virginia City very much as if he were going to the court of Holland, and very nearly lost his life by wearing a tall silk hat, which was said to be the only one in Utah. The question of jurisdiction having been appealed to the supreme court of the territory at Carson City, it was decided that Cradlebaugh was judge. Stewart went to bed one night thinking he had won his suit. Judge Flennikan had said the day before that he would acquiesce in the decision of the supreme court. In the middle of night a messenger came into Stewart's room to tell him that Judge Flennikan had changed his mind. Stewart said he was fearfully disgusted. He thought the case was gone. But he decided to be master of the situation. He pulled on his clothes in great haste, and went poking about in the saloons trying to find Flennikan. Bringing his hand down upon that dignitary's shoulder with great force, he demanded his resignation and instant enlistment in a posse to go to arrest the jumpers. The judge objected, but the lawyer kept his powerful grip on his shoulder and yanked him along to the telegraph office. There Stewart wrote messages to Flennikan's marshal and various officials, telling them that he had resigned positively. "Now sign those," said Stewart. The judge did so. Stewart tossed the telegrams to the operator, saying, "Send those telegrams and then hide for an hour." In an hour's time the garrison surrendered and Stewart's client was victorious. Never before was a lawyer so successful in arresting the court.

At another time when judicial honor was running low, Stewart forced the entire bench of the territory to resign. One judge who held out a little went to Stewart and asked what he should do. "Do!" said the lawyer, gruffly. "Resign! resign at once!" Stewart called fo[r] pe[n] and pen and made the fellow resign the[n] and there. Thus in one day the territor[ial judi]ciary was wiped out of existence.

A la[illegible] Senator Stewart's wealth probab[illegible] [illegible] fees in the Comstock litigation. A few years ago he estimated the entire litigation on the Comstock lode at $10,000,000. As he was attorney during the whole time he must have received a considerable part of it. Larger fees were paid in Nevada than have ever been paid anywhere else. The courts of California were for a time deserted, the lawyers all going to Nevada. Judge Benjamin R. Curtis resigned his seat on the supreme court bench to accept an annual salary of $40,000 for his legal services in this most complex litigation. It is recorded as a matter of history that Senator Stewart's professional income when the Comstock excitement was at its highest was not less than $200,000 a year. The Belcher Mining company for a single fee gave him 100 feet of their claim, which he sold for $100,000. Stewart stood easily at the head of the

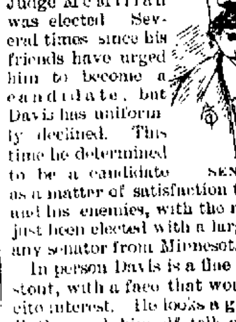


STEWART CASTLE.

bar. His fees were big, but his labor was prodigious and untiring night and day. When he once took hold of a case he determined to win it at any cost. His memory is so good that he has never been obliged to take notes during the progress of a suit, and no matter how tortuous and complex a case might be, it was always straight and clear to him. While he was a scholarly and eloquent man, he always bent his speech to the level of his hearers. He was famous for his faculty of clear statement, and juries seldom failed to be convinced by him. Stewart was one of the incorporators of the Sutro Tunnel company, and for some time was its president.

The return of the Stewarts to Washington will probably derive the Chinese embassy, now living in Stewart castle, of a very pleasant home. They rent it for $10,000 a year of Mrs. Stewart, who has been trying for several years to sell the mansion. The senator has not been a millionaire for a number of years, and it is doubtful if he could count himself now worth over $100,000. Since his retirement from the senate he has been practicing law in San Francisco. A year ago he moved to Carson City, Nev., to secure a legal residence in the state with a view to his re-election to the senate. In the flare up of mining stocks a month ago the senator's son-in-law, Mr. Hooker, failed, and it is said that Stewart himself lost considerable; so that it is not likely that Mrs. Stewart will cut such a prominent social figure as she did when her husband was here before.

The election of ex-Governor Davis, of Minnesota, to the senate will do a great deal to restore to that body something of its old time intellectual brilliancy. The new senator is a young man and has spent all his life in the law. He was the youngest governor the state of Minnesota ever had, having been elected to that high honor when he was but 35 years old. His administration was noted for its reforms, and his popularity grew so rapidly that he became a candidate for the United States senate against old Governor Ramsey. The contest was a bitter one in which neither succeeded, and Judge McMillan was elected. Several times since his friends have urged him to become a candidate, but Davis has uniformly declined. This time he determined to be a candidate



SENATOR DAVIS

as a matter of satisfaction to both his friends and his enemies, with the result that he has just been elected with a larger majority than any senator from Minnesota ever received.

In person Davis is a fine looking man, tall, stout, with a face that would anywhere excite interest. He looks a great deal like Ben Butler, and himself tells a good story about this resemblance. Two years ago the governor and his wife went down to Florida to spend a part of the winter. On their way back they stopped at the Fifth Avenue hotel in New York. Those familiar with the Fifth Avenue will remember the long table at the right of the dining room door. One night, as the governor and his wife were ushered into the dining room, the waiter placed the governor at the head of this long table. On looking up, Davis saw at the foot of the table Ben Butler, just beginning his meal. In a few minutes there was a stir all over the dining room, everybody at the table looking from Butler to Davis and from Davis to Butler. Butler, who was busied with his meal, did not notice the matter. The Davises, who were waiting for theirs, could hardly be unconscious of it. The scene was climaxed finally by a clerical looking old gentleman, who stepped over to Davis' side, begged his pardon and said that he did not know before that Gen. Butler had a son so old as he and who so much resembled him.

J. A. TRUESDELL.

Patients for the Insane Asylum.

The laws of Missouri upon the admittance of persons as patients to the insane asylum are so lax that it is possible for a perfectly sane person to be confined among maniacs and made to suffer untold torments. So liable, indeed, are mistakes to occur that nineteen cases of the kind developed last year alone. Let us say a policeman finds a man on the street acting, as he thinks, strangely. He bustles him off in the hoodlum wagon to the station, and the fact that the prisoner swears a good deal is taken as further evidence that he is dangerous. A health department physician is summoned and examines the supposed crazy man by talking to him through the bars of his cell. The man is aggrieved, and continues stubborn and violent in his denunciations of the men who have made him the trouble. The physician is liable to think him insane, and so reports. A permit is at once made out, and the poor devil is sent to the asylum. The more he protests he is sane, the more the authorities believe he is insane. After some days of confinement, however, he is examined calmly by an expert, and found to be perfectly rational. It ought not to be so easy to get a man pronounced insane. In most states it is a purely judicial function, and the judgment of insanity is pronounced only by a court.—Secretary of Board of Health in Globe-Democrat.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

K. V. Meador, a sixteen-year-old boy in Allen County, Kentucky, weighs 252 pounds.

"Every Woman Her Own Bootblack" is the subject of a paper to be read before a Boston literary club.—*Boston Journal.*

Little Maggie Hill, of Fayetteville, Tenn., although only six years old, plays the violin almost as well as the best teacher in the State.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

—Isaac Murphy, the colored American jockey, is the nearest approach we have to Fred Archer, his annual earnings being placed at from $10,000 to $15,000.—*Chicago Tribune.*

A citizen of Georgia, recently deceased, had ten sons, to all of whom he gave names beginning with the letter A, as follows: Alphaeus, Andrew, Allen, Alston, Almand, Ambrose, Abel, Alfred and Aaron.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

—Captain McMickan, of the Cunard line, has made eight hundred trips across the Atlantic and nine trips to India, having sailed altogether nearly 1,900,000 miles and looked at about $500,000,000 worth of cargoes.—*N. Y. Telegram.*

One of the many peculiarities of the recently resigned Vice-Chancellor Bacon was his unconquerable objection to a mustache and positive loathing for a beard on a barrister. The time was when such a phenomenon as a mustached or bearded barrister was unknown.—*London Letter.*

Carrie Alice Martin, daughter of a member of the Boston police force, died recently at Manchester, aged about nineteen years. During the last fifty-five days of her life no food passed her lips, and the physicians could not ascertain what prevented her from taking nourishment.—*Boston Traveller.*

Kate Field says that the woman who aims to be fashionable might as well commit suicide at the start. She must neglect home, husband and children, put away comfort and convenience, be a first-class hypocrite and a good slanderer, and at the end of ten years break down and become a physical wreck.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Count De Lesseps, when in Washington, was thus pictured by a writer on the *Post*: "The Count was in the best of form. His gray mustache was well waxed and drawn out at the ends as fine as a needle-point. The Count has a great nose, which runs nearly the whole length of his face, like a rabbit's nose, and when he smiles much, which is very often, the nose overshadows every thing else, and his little eyes peer out peculiarly from a focus of wrinkles which seem absolutely to revel in the fun which brings them into play."

The Presidential widows are much more tenacious of life than the Presidents or Vice-Presidents. The country is paying yearly annuities of five thousand dollars each to the widow of President Tyler, the widow of President Polk, the widow of President Grant and the widow of President Garfield, and only a few years ago ceased paying a like annuity to the widow of Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. Tyler was married when her husband was President, and has survived the Tyler reign full forty-five years, and Mrs. Polk has survived the Polk Administration full forty-one years.—*Chicago Journal.*

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No. 44 Pass	11.25 a m	No. 45 Pass	3.15 p m
No. 48 Acc	7.00 p m	No. 47 Acc	7.00 a m
No. 70 Freight	11.00 a m	No. 71 Freight	12.30 p m
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No. 43 Pass	4.05 a m	No. 48 Pass.	4.25 a m
No. 45 Pass.	2.25 p m	No. 44 Pass	11.40 a m
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A STRANGER IN GOTHAM.

Things Electrical—Rapid Transit—Some Other Matters.

[Special Correspondence.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The killing of a man by contact with an electric light wire at a fire the other day has stimulated an inquiry as to whether electric light wires cannot be handled in such a way as to render it somewhat less dangerous to touch them. But little is likely to be accomplished in that direction, I fear. Men who have to cut wires should never use pliers that have naked iron handles. There is ordinarily little danger if the precaution of using only wooden covered handles be observed. The last unfortunate victim neglected it. But the company that employed him declares he was not killed by the shock, but by his fall from the pole to which he was clinging. Whether they were right or not will probably never be determined.

Electricity, by the way, is taking up a good deal of attention in the metropolis just now, as, indeed, it is everywhere, for that matter. The attempt to lay the telegraph, telephone and electric light wires under ground, and the complications, political and practical, that have met the subway commission at every step, will by and bye be recorded in pages of scientific and political history.

The most interesting electrical matter at present before the people here is the attempt that is being made by one of the surface roads to run its cars by the aid of the subtle current. Conflicting stories are told of the progress of the work. Most schemes for the utilization of electricity as a locomotive power include the transmission of the fluid to the motor through the rails. It would seem that if this plan be adopted in a street railway, there would be great danger to horses, unless the current should be of much lower tension than that employed for lighting purposes.

The electricians have been working for years at the problem of electric locomotion, and there is little doubt that the fortunate inventor who reduces the refractory problem to practice will be received with open arms by the railroad people of the whole world. They would gladly substitute for the noisy, bustling, dirty steam engine some other motor—light, noiseless and clean. But to be acceptable this motor must be as cheaply run as a steam engine, and there, I fancy, lies the chief difficulty. It is quite possible to make electric motors work—in fact, hundreds and may be thousands of them are now in use in places where a very light power is required. But the chemical production of the current is a matter of very great expense, so great, indeed, as to be prohibitory. And in the transformation of power into electricity there is so large a waste as to make this method much more expensive than steam.

And this brings one to the problem of rapid transit in this big city. It is far from being satisfactorily solved at present. The trains on the elevated roads are constantly clogged. It is not unusual for one to have to allow two or even three trains to pass before getting a chance to board the cars. The big bridge between here and Brooklyn will, in a short time, be quite inadequate to accommodate the people who want to cross it. Already the bridge trains are packed to an agonizing degree during both the early morning and the late afternoon hours, and the loads put upon the big cable the other day were so heavy that the engine was choked down and the people had to wait or walk for a round half hour. Underground railroads, electrically operated, will soon be a necessity in New York.

A new vice has arisen which is rapidly taking hold of legislators, newspaper correspondents and other great men. It is called the "dry smoke," and possesses all the elements of the legitimate smoke. Dry smokers are at no expense for matches; they get a cigar, chew the end off, place it (the cigar) between the lips and that's all there is of it. Some dry smokers will make one cigar last all day. Whenever I pass the corner of Church and Cortlandt streets I notice a little old newspaper vender, who constantly holds a pipe between his lips, which pipe never contained any tobacco or other ammunition. Still the old fellow's satisfaction with his pipe is evident. He will close his lips on the mouthpiece, contemplatively gaze at the bowl, and after a little while remove the pipe and roll his eyes upward, as if following with pleasure a line of smoke. His dry smoke is much drier than any other on record.

I wish to close this rather rambling letter with a protest against the utter depravity of metropolitan mud. It is black, unctuous and, whenever there is a rain, omnipresent. It's almost as much as your life is worth to try to run across Broadway on a damp day, for the chances are even that you will slip because of the mud that coats the paving, fall and be run over by a wagon or a horse car. But there doesn't seem to be any way of getting rid of it. At least the city authorities do not seem to be able to find it out.

WALTER WIBERLY

HOW DAKOTA WAS SETTLED.

The Present Distribution of Population. North and South Dakota.

YANKTON, Jan. 29.—Omitting the French voyageurs and Bois Brules, the first permanent settlers of Dakota were Americans in the southeast corner. Immediately after them came many thousand Scandinavians and they now have a majority in five southern counties, the Norwegians predominating. They acquire the English language more rapidly than other foreigners, are enthusiastic for schools and churches, and are an excellent class of citizens. The Mennonites came almost in a body. They are of German blood, but had lived a century or more in Russia; they are in colonies in this and adjacent counties, are a noticeable class on the streets of this city, and are commonly called "Roozbans." In the extreme northeast a good class of Canadian Liberals control two or three counties. In Douglass county is a large colony of Hollanders. And of all the foregoing peoples there are scattered residents in many counties, while Irish, English and Germans, here as well as elsewhere, are diffused in the general population. Four hundred miles north of this place, in the western part of Pembina county, is a colony of Icelanders. Surrounding all these colonies everywhere are the native Americans, who are still a majority of the whole.

The school and territorial census of 1885 made the population 416,000; and the officials tell me that nearly all the good land in the southeastern division is taken. But many million acres of very fine land remain open to pre-emption in the north, some especially fine not far north of Bismarck. This place is located at the northwestern corner of continuous settlement. Indeed, if a diagonal line were drawn from northeast to southwest through Bismarck, nineteen-twentieths of the people would be on the southeastern side of that line; and unless I am badly misinformed as to the climate and soil of the northwest, the child is not born who will live to see one-fourth of Dakota's population on the other side of the supposed diagonal. The people, as you know, have, therefore, simplified the question by dividing the territory—in their minds. The southern half they call Dakota, the northern Huron or Pembina—or North Dakota—latter preferred. This plan has not, however, yet been approved by congress, as you probably know.

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NOVEL-READING.

The Dangers of Fiction and Literature of a Pernicious Character.

Many works of fiction may be read with profit as well as pleasure, but it can not be denied that a large portion of the fictitious literature of our day is of a pernicious character and tendency. Novels, like other books, are made to sell, and as competition is lively, authors vie with each other in the effort to fill the pages of their works with the most intensely exciting plots that the imagination can invent. It is not to that class of novels known to be decidedly obscene that reference is made. These are condemned, professedly, by society, and in many of the States their sale is prohibited. But the popular mind is often so closely allied to the openly impure literature we condemn, as to be scarcely worthy of a better name than that which is repudiated. The language, it is true, is cautiously selected to clothe the thoughts, but the sentiment is offensive to purity and moral character. Yet this is very largely the class of novels that is most eagerly sought and read. Their tendency is not to improve and elevate the mind, but to lead it astray, and to lower the standard of morals in society. It is even questionable whether novel reading, under any circumstances, is productive of good results. It leads the mind off from the common and ordinary realities of life, and fixes it upon that which is unreal and visionary. The tendency is to disappointment and dissatisfaction when we come to grapple with facts in practical experience. Unhappy marriages are largely the result of novel-reading, and to the same cause may mainly be attributed the separations and divorces of the present day.

It is folly, however, to write of this growing evil in society, unless it be to induce an effort that will suppress or even check the evil. Novel-readers begin early in life. Even the "Mother Goose" stories and toy books of that class may be accepted as the rudimental text-books of the infant, which create the craving for the larger novel of a few years later; and before the youthful reader is aware of it he or she becomes so addicted to the perusal of fictitious literature that every thing of a more solid and practical character is avoided with an aversion that is difficult to conquer.

It is not unreasonable to presume that much of the power to prevent novel-reading lies with the parents—with the mother. There is an abundance of attractive juvenile books that are free from the objections indicated, but which are just as attractive as "Jack, the Giant Killer," "Blue Beard" or "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," and which would afford real amusement to the child, and leave lasting moral impressions upon the mind at the same time.

Later in life, the mind thus prepared will rarely enjoy novel-reading, if suitable works on history, travels, animals, birds, fishes and the monsters of the sea, the construction of the globe, astronomy, mechanics, painting, flowers, etc., are placed within its reach. With the aid of these the mind becomes prepared by proper training to participate in the practical duties of life, while the novel-reader too often is compelled to admit an error in early training when it is too late to remedy the evil.—*Boston Budget.*

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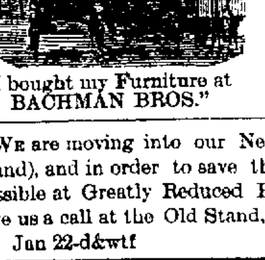

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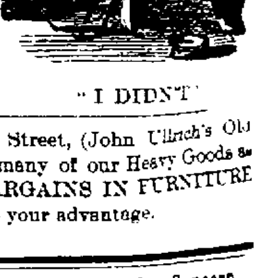

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You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1885, for the taxes for the year 1884, I purchased the following described tract of land to-wit: The southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 13, township 16, north range 2 east of the 3d P. M., taxed in the name of Henry Chisholm, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1887.

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To All Persons Whom it May Concern

NOTICE is Hereby Given, That the undersigned, P. J. Strong, guardian of Samuel R. Strong, a minor, will make application to the County Court of Macon county, at a regular term thereof, to be held at the Court House in the City of Decatur, in said county, on the Third Monday of March, A. D. 1887, being the 21st day thereof, for an order and decree of said court directing him, as said guardian, to sell the following real estate belonging to said minor, or so much thereof as shall seem to said court to be for the interest of said minor, situated in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, to-wit: Lot number four (4), in block number four (4), in Read & Co's Addition to the Town, now City of Decatur, the interest of said minor in said premises being an undivided one-third, for the purpose of investing such of the proceeds of said sale as shall not be immediately requisite for said support and education, in other real estate, or otherwise investing the same.

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